

# Ice fishing derby

## held at South Barre club

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HARDWICK – The cold didn’t stop the South Barre Rod & Gun Club from hosting an ice fishing derby this past Sunday.

Several groups made their way to the pond with their fishing gear to set up for ice fishing. It was spur-of-the-moment kind of plan made by the South Barre Rod & Gun Club to put on a trout derby with an entry fee and prizes on the line.

Running the ice fishing derby was club member Paul Morrison, who has been a member for 25 years. Morrison said ice fishing is an activity the club has put on for years.

With having a mild winter the last several years, the South Barre Rod & Gun Club has not hosted ice fishing, until this year.

It was a cold Sunday morning, but that didn’t stop

some fisherman of all ages to get out on the pond and catch some trout.

“The true diehards are out on the ice,” Morrison said.

Inside the club were refreshments and hot dogs for fisherman to enjoy while they go ice fishing.

Morrison has been fishing his whole life and loves to fish. When it comes to fishing, it can be a hit or miss, but always a good time.

There are different methods to ice fishing, such as flag tip ups and jigging. In Morrison’s opinion, jigging works the best.

Out on the ice was one group all set up using a combination of flag tip ups and jigging.

Part of this group was David Rogowski and his 10-year-old son Callen. Rogowski has been a member of the club since 1990 and has been fishing at the club since he was three.

To Rogowski’s knowledge, there hasn’t been ice fishing

at the club for the last several years. When this event was happening Rogowski thought it’d be nice to get out on the pond with his son and try to catch some trout.

The pond had rainbow, brook, and golden trout swimming around and Rogowski used a drill to make several holes in the ice to set up some flag pull ups.

Joining Rogowski was fellow club member Tom Johnson, who has been a member since 1975. Johnson said the club used to have ice fishing every year.

Rogowski says it’s always great to support the support the sportsmen’s club that does a lot of activities throughout the year.

When it comes to any kind of fishing, Rogowski said it takes consistency, patience, and sometimes “praying to the fish gods” to have a good catch. With ice fishing, you have an advantage of being on the water.

In another fishing group



14-year-old Tyler Mathieson is shown with a rainbow trout he caught during the ice fishing derby at the South Barre Rod & Gun Club.



Pete Sanborn is shown with a brook trout he caught this past weekend during the ice fishing derby.

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was 14-year-old Tyler Mathieson, who had a good day on the pond with several fish, mostly rainbow trout. Mathieson has been fishing his whole life and shows interest in continuing to fish when he can.

Another diehard fisherman on the cold pond was Pete Sanborn, who has been ice

fishing for nearly 50 years. Although Sunday morning’s temperature had a real-feel of 18 below zero, Sanborn still made his way to the South Barre Rod & Gun Club for the ice fishing derby.

Sanborn fishes all year long and enjoys all styles of fishing. Sanborn caught a couple of brook trout while

on the pond.

The South Barre Rod & Gun Club is hosting a kid’s fishing derby on April 25, starting at 8 a.m. This event is open to the public.

For more information, follow the South Barre Rod & Gun Club on Facebook or call them at 413-477-6879.

## public notices

### Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE

SP-2026-01

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting and Site Plan Review Authority, will hold a Public Hearing during the scheduled meeting on **THURSDAY, February 19, 2026 at 7:00pm**, on the application of **Shawn Crevier**, for a common driveway, under Zoning Bylaw Section 6.6.2, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board

as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Board of Selectman’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

**SITE LOCATION: 275 Mal-boeuf Road, Ware MA.** Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 15005 Page 72. Property

is also identified as Assessor’s Parcel 6-0-8. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).

A complete copy of the application can be found at the Town Clerk’s office and on the Planning & Community Development Department website under Recent Filings. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

WARE PLANNING BOARD  
02/05, 02/12/2026

### TOWN OF WARE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Ware Selectboard will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:40pm** in the Selectman’s Meet-

ing Room, Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA to hear the following Petitions filed by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc for joint or identical pole locations:

**No. 31220479:** North Street: install one Joint Ownership (JO) pole and relocate one JO pole. National Grid to relocate pole #50, and install new pole #33-84;  
**No. 31220479:** North Street: install one JO pole on North St, new pole #1-84;  
**No. 31196814:** Park Street: install two JO poles on Park St, new pole #9 and #10;

**No. 31223173:** Sorel Road: install one JO pole on Sorel Rd, new pole #12;  
**No. 31223176:** Osborne Road: relocate one JO pole, new pole #P93 and to be renumbered to P93-2;

**No. 31223174:** Greenwich Road: install one JO pole, new pole #101;  
Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Nancy Talbot, Chair  
02/12/2026

### (SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 26 SM 000399 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:  
**George H. Plouffe**  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*):  
**PennyMac Loan Services, LLC**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered **58 Church Street**, given by **George H. Plouffe to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for PennyMac Loan Services, LLC**, dated **January 21, 2020**, and recorded at **Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13519, Page 182**, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for deter-

mination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **03/23/2026** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER**, Chief Justice of said Court on February 3, 2026.

Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson**  
Recorder  
02/12/2026

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT DOCKET NO. 26 SM 000358 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: **Michael W. Ponyta** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*): **U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in Its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Ware, numbered 20 Eddy Street**, given by **Michael W. Ponyta to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC FKA Quicken Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns**, dated **September 23, 2022**, and recorded in **Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14684, Page 167**, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/ Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of

America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **03/23/2026** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER**, Chief Justice of this Court on 2/3/2026.

Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson**  
Recorder  
02/12/2026

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TOWN OF HARDWICK CONSULTING SERVICES SOLAR PV INSTALLATION AND EMERGENCY SHELTER RETROFITS

The Town of Hardwick invites responses for consulting services to develop designs for solar photovoltaic (PV) installations, HVAC system improvements, and a standby conventional power generation system. Funding for this project is provided by the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program.

A detailed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be available beginning on February 4th, 2026, until the due date specified below in digital format by request through the following email: [joleary@cmrpc.org](mailto:joleary@cmrpc.org). The Town of Hardwick, awarding and contracting authority, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it is deemed in the best interests of the town to do so.

Completed proposals are to be submitted in accordance with the RFQ’s submission procedures no later than **11:00 AM, Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at the Central Massachusetts Planning Commission, 1 Mercantile Street, Suite 520, Worcester, MA 01608.**  
02/12/2026

# Job Connection

## HELPING YOU FIND HELP

### Come Join Our Team and Grow With Us

The Town of Warren has immediate openings for the following Full & Part-Time positions...

**Assistant Assessor:** The Warren Board of Assessors is seeking to fill this full-time, Town benefited position of Assistant Assessor. The successful candidate will perform administrative work, provide excellent customer service, maintain detailed records of property assessments, maps, new growth, and assist with setting the annual tax rate under the general direction of the Board of Assessors. One of the Town’s goals is to transition this position to a Principal Assessor in the future.

**Hourly wage range: \$30.44 - \$37.08**  
**Monday to Thursday, 32 hours per week**  
**\$1,000.00 annual stipend offered with MAA certification**

**Executive Assistant:** This position is responsible for providing administrative and clerical support to the Town Administrator’s Office and Board of Selectmen. This is a full-time, Town benefited position. Candidate should be able to demonstrate excellent customer service skills, being proficient with Microsoft Suite and have superior writing skills. Attendance at evening meetings is required.

**Hourly wage range: \$24.78 - \$26.69**  
**Monday to Friday, 40 hours per week**

**Sewer Plant Operator / Mechanic:** This position is responsible for operating, maintaining, and cleaning machinery, equipment, and generators. Performs building and grounds maintenance. This is a full-time, Town benefited position, with required on-call and overtime hours. Candidate must possess a Grade 4 or higher Wastewater Treatment Plant License within the first six months of employment.

**Hourly wage range: \$24.78 - \$26.69**  
**Monday to Friday, 40 hours per week**

**Full-Time Police Officer:** Applicants are preferred to be academy trained and must be willing to work weekends, nights, and holidays. It is also preferred that applicants currently possess valid certification as a Police Officer. The Patrolmen’s contract provides for an education incentive. Please send resumes and cover letters to the attention of Lt. Kyle Whitcomb, WPD PO Box 606, Warren, MA 01083 or [whitcomb@warren-ma.gov](mailto:whitcomb@warren-ma.gov).

**Hourly wage range: \$28.64 - \$34.24 Overtime Available**  
*\*Starting hourly will be based on years of municipal police service.*

**Part-Time COA Custodian:** This position is responsible for all aspects of cleaning, light maintenance of the building and Senior Center grounds. Must have scheduling flexibility to meet the daily operational needs of the Senior Center. Prior custodial experience preferred.  
Hourly wage range: \$17.70 - \$18.05  
Monday to Friday, 15 hours per week

Please email or mail your resume and cover letter to the  
Town Administrator, Jim Ferrera, [townadministrator@warren-ma.gov](mailto:townadministrator@warren-ma.gov)  
or by mail to 48 High Street, P.O. Box 609, Warren, MA 01083.

For a complete job description of any of these positions please visit the Town’s website  
[www.warren-ma.gov](http://www.warren-ma.gov).

All positions will be open until filled.

Town of Warren is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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- 3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts’ public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

Public notice deadlines are Friday at 3 p.m.

visit [www.publicnotices.turley.com](http://www.publicnotices.turley.com)